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17 October 1967

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Morning Meeting of 17 October 1967

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DD/I informed the Director of a request from Secretary Nitze via [] for an appreciation of Soviet economic projections in light of the recently announced USSR budget allocations. The Secretary indicated to [] that he has been impressed by the quality of the recent analyses submitted by the Agency. DD/I expects to respond by tomorrow.

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DD/I gave the Director a preliminary review by Pforzheimer of the current Ross-Wise book.

DD/I passed the Director a coordinated in-house memorandum setting forth the requirements for overhead reconnaissance of North Korea. He said that the best case is for tactical coverage and should therefore be made by DOD/JCS.

Godfrey noted a number of reports on the possibility that the mercenaries in the Congo might move to Kinshasa.

Godfrey said that an analysis of the full text of Castro's speech showed no inference of Cuban sponsorship of the Bolivian guerrillas and indeed rather tended to write the movement off. He felt that the reported Kosygin letter to Castro is of greater interest. The Director agreed and suggested it be used in publications.

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[] for Kent said that the Vietnamese Force-Strength Estimate will not be ready until next week.

The Director remarked to the DD/S on the favorable article on Air America in Sunday's Parade magazine.

Carver said that his meeting with Secretary McNamara yesterday had gone well and called the Director's attention to this morning's Joe Kraft column.

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DD/S&T noted that the USSR's Venus probe is due for an encounter and that there is speculation that this could include a soft landing.

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DD/S&T called attention to a New York Times article on Soviet fractional orbiting weapons [REDACTED]

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DDCI remarked that the spate of recent reports concerning Cuban intentions on Guantanamo gave the appearance of orchestration.

The Director gave the DD/I a note from ISA via [REDACTED] concerning a meeting of IDA's Jason Group and asked that he and the DD/S&T sort this out.

The Director asked Goodwin to pass along the existence of the South Vietnamese People's Committee for Solidarity with the American People, a newly formed front organization in support of the planned 20-21 October demonstrations in Washington.

The Director asked Godfrey to note the recurring reports on Cuban intentions on Guantanamo [REDACTED]

The Director read a letter from Secretary Katzenbach asking for an examination of possible repercussions in the light of certain courses of action in Vietnam. He asked the DD/I to prepare a coordinated response.

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